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ALL NATIONS — MATT. 28:19.

EVERY CREATURE — MARK. 16:15

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GOD IS LOVE

THE PILLAR

THE TRUTH

STIR ME, LORD

FANNIE S. FOSHEE

Stir me, Lord, I care not how;
  Somehow please help me see
The many millions dying, lost,
  Without a glimpse of Thee!

May I not idly spend my time
  In careless, thoughtless words;
Nor gossip 'bout my neighbors,
  Nor tell each tale I've heard.

But rather, Lord, just close my mouth
  And close my ears and eyes
To all the faults my brother has,
  And open them toward the skies!

Then stir me, Lord, stir me I pray!
  That I Thy message daily take
And give it out along the way;
  Stir me, Lord, my soul awake!

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

I TIM. 3:15

"And the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in the house of the Lord of hosts, their God."—Haggai 1:14.

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Notes From My Letters

By J. H. WALKER, General Overseer

A good report from California states, "God is blessing in Fresno in an old-fashioned revival at the present time. Pray much for us for we need it.—O. Pauls."

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TELEGRAM: "Burian and Adams evangelistic party here in revival. Having a landslide. The end is not yet. Pray for us.—Rev. Wm. R. Fowler, Covington, Louisiana."

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TELEGRAM: "Having wonderful revival in New York City. Organized church here with thirty-five members. Attendance good. Altar filled with seekers.—Roland Verrico, overseer of New York."

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"Dear Brother Walker: You will note from the enclosed reports that California is still on the way up. Just how high we will be able to go this year I am afraid to say. However, if we do not make any other gains save the ones already listed, it will indeed be a banner year. We have already set in order five new churches and have plans to organize at least three more by the time of the state convention.—James L. Slay, overseer of California."

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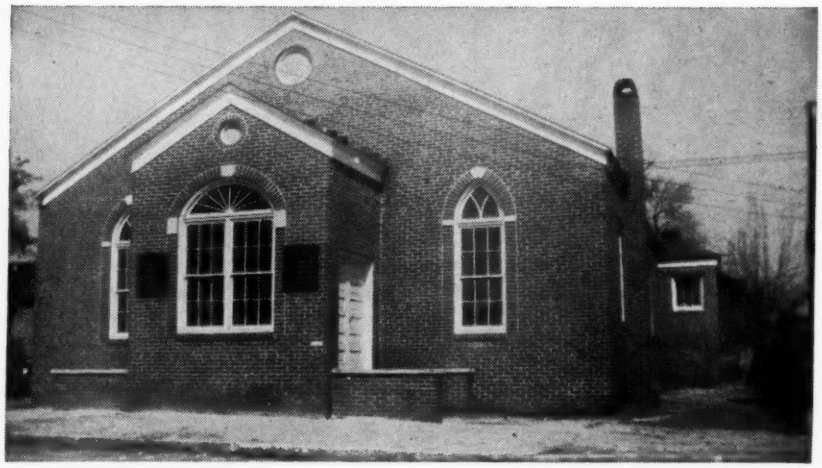
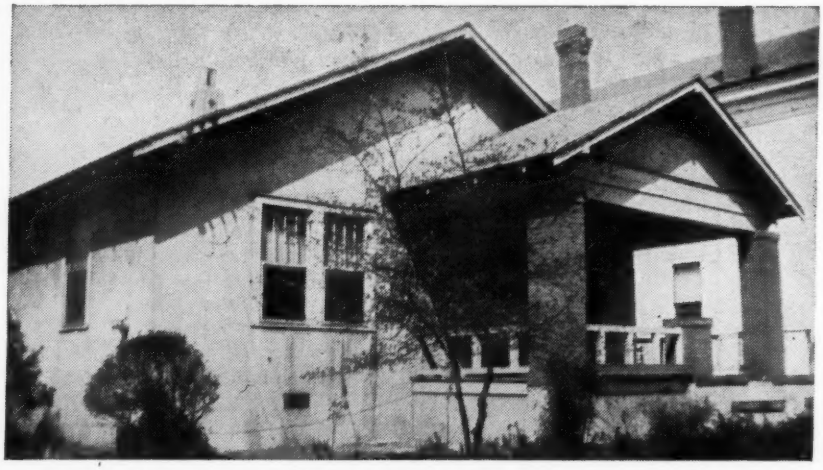
Help Us Pray for a Revival

PONCHATOULA, La.—I thank God for full and free salvation. I am also thankful for our pastor and his wife. They are so kind. I enjoying having them visit us. Our pastor said when he came to pastor the church that he wanted his members to follow him and his wife as they follow Christ and I find they are following Christ, and they are like a father and mother to us. We need a revival at this place. Please pray that we will have one. We are also in need of a parsonage for our pastor. Pray that we can get the means to build one. I want to do more for the Lord's cause this new year than I did the past year. Pray for me, I am burdened for lost souls. —Mrs. M. Lenel, Box 214.

Obedience is better than sacrifice.

CHURCH AND PARSONAGE AT AUGUSTA, GEORGIA





Our church cost close to $6,000 and the most of it was raised in two years and dedicated free of debt last August. The parsonage cost $5,600 when it was built, about sixteen years ago, and we bought it for $3,500, as the owner was wanting to leave town, and I think we have one of the best buys we could get. It has a living room, dining room, breakfast room, kitchen, three bedrooms and a bath, with hot and cold water, and a large lot also. Our church has three Sunday School rooms and a hot air furnace, with ceiling fans, also new pews.

We surely did enjoy having Brother Earl P. Paulk with us Sunday, March 7. Our financial drive for $700 went over in a big way. When we counted the collection, with our taking another one Sunday night, we had $786.30. We paid off the $700 we owed on the down payment and paid two of the monthly payments on our parsonage and had a few dollars left in the bank. The Lord was surely good to us. Some thought we would not get over $100, if that much, but they don't know how big our God is, and how much He can do. We have some of as good people as the grace of God ever made.—*D. T. Toler.*

Why Pray?

By Harry A. Musheqan

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much," James 5:16b.

TODAY there are some who take this attitude: trials come upon them and they try to correct it in their own power, not knowing that 2 Cor. 3:5 states, "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God." So in their difficulty they say, "Why pray? it's no use."

Oh, but let's see what God's Word has to say about that. James 5:16, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

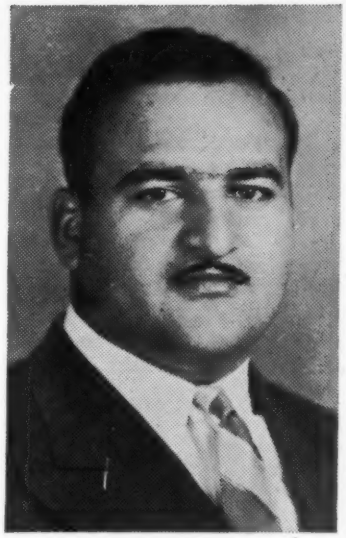
Some may say, "What does he mean by saying effectual fervent prayer?" Let us take the word "effectual" and see what it means. "Effectual" means "to take effect; produce a consequence, or result; accomplish a purpose; to make an impression." If you pray effectually, you will make an impression, and by making an impression on the heart of God you will produce a consequence, and accomplish the purpose for which you pray.

Now let us explain the word "fervent." "Fervent" means "earnest; vehement; very hot." Jesus, speaking to the churches in Asia, said to the Laodicean church, Rev. 3:15, "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." It pays to be on fire for God and to pray fervently, for that is pleasing to God. I tell you, whoever you may be, if you do just those two words while praying and serving Him, He will hear you. It is written in 1 Peter 3:12, "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil."

Today there is a great falling away from the most essential weapon that a Christian possesses and that weapon is "prayer." Prayer is the real essence of our soul's salvation. It is the character with which every one of us should enwrap ourselves. I would like to bring to your attention the Acts of the Apostles, first chaper. Visualize, if you can, the disciples of Jesus as He ascended into heaven. There they were with their heads up looking toward heaven. "And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven?" Brother, I would like to ask the same question, Why stand ye gazing up into heaven? Don't you remember the promise of Jesus? He said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Come on, let's get down to business with God. The reason there isn't more power in the churches today is because of the great lack of prayer. Jesus spoke to His disciples in answer to their question of why they could not cast out certain demons. He said, "This kind goeth not out but by fasting and prayer." You will never make headway in this spiritual warfare without the proper communicating system. And that system is prayer. Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, but when he prayed he received results. Why? Because he knew in whom he believed, and not only so, he prayed until results came. For an example, Israel transgressed against God under the supervision of Ahab and Jezebel. So Elijah commenced to do something about it. He prayed until God shut up the heavens for three and a half years. Then he prayed again and God opened the heavens and sent forth rain upon the parched earth. I want you to know, dear friend, that Elijah meant business and because of his earnestness God had respect to his prayer. Proverbs 15:8, "The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord: but the prayer of the upright is his delight." If you want God to take a delight in the things that you endeavor to do, "pray." Prov. 15:29, "The Lord is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous."

Jesus speaking, in the 18th chapter of Luke from verse one to eight, said, "That men ought always to pray and not to faint." Also He said there was in a city a judge which feared not God, neither regarded man: and there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, "Avenge me of mine adversary." He would not for awhile; but afterward he said within himself, "Though I fear not God, nor regard man; yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she worry me." And the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge saith. And shall not God avenge his own elect, which crieth day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"



Yes, I know that there are trials to encounter, but those trials are for a purpose. Paul explained them in the fifth chapter of Romans when he said, "Knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience experience; and experience hope; and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."

O friend, there is something about the Holy Spirit that simply swells your soul to the bursting point of joy. Even though you are in a trial, you can find a sweet solace in the presence of God through His eternal Spirit, when you present yourself properly before the throne of His grace in prayer. Some will say, "What do you mean by the word 'properly'?" Let me explain by the Bible. 1 Peter 5:6, 7, "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time; casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." That is what I mean by presenting yourselves properly before God. Isaiah 57:15, "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones." Isaiah 66:2b, "To this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word."

Friend, if you want God to smile and look upon you in tenderness, humble yourself before Him and continue in the simplicity of prayer, for only in prayer is there power for you. Mark 11:24, "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Why pray? Brother, asking, "Why pray?" is just

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Religion and the World

BY THE EDITOR

Germans Seize Norwegian Churches

Stockholm reports that German-occupying forces in Norway have seized several church buildings and converted them to war purposes. The church in Trondenes is a huge munition dump surrounded on all sides by anti-air raid equipment and mounted guns. Five hundred Russian prisoners are housed in the rear of the church where barracks have been constructed. Another church served at one time as a saloon for German soldiers and later as a storehouse and barracks.

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Curfew Law Helps Curb Juvenile Delinquency

From Canada comes word that municipalities which have adopted curfew bylaws during the last five years have found them helpful in curbing juvenile delinquency, according to a report from the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities. The age limit varies from 13 to 16 in various cities. Fines range from $1 to $5. Parents may be arrested for continued violations by their children, in which case they are held as "contributing to juvenile delinquency."

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Dean of Stavenger Defies Quisling

Dean Olson Kronelius of Stavenger has been dismissed from his post by Premier Vidkun Quisling, but has defied the dismissal order and continues at his clerical work, so states a wireless from Stockholm. The police have not so far intervened because of the popularity of the dean. The incident reflects the weakness of the Quislings to deal with the church opposition, according to the report. The Provisional Church Council has taken steps to strengthen the resisting clergy. Premier Quisling has deprived all resisting clergymen of the financial support.

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Religious Program in Florida Schools

From up New York state sometime ago we reported the experiment of schools relative to Bible training. This time it is Florida's State Board of Education adopting resolutions urging public schools to devote twenty minutes a day to the development, along broad religious lines, of "those ideals and ideals promulgated by the founders of this country." The Board has requested that "scriptures, prayers and songs be selected which will develop attitudes and habits of honesty, loyalty, courage, confidence, industry, tolerance and other virtues commensurate with the loftiest views of democracy and the 'four Freedoms.'" The Board is composed of the Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer and Superintendent.

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Nazism Afraid of Religion

A report coming out of Stockholm through RNS states that "the extraordinary influence of religion among the German people constitutes a growing danger for Nazism," according to a recent issue of the Berlin magazine *Die Weltliteratur*. Asserting that, "the flight of the German masses from reality" is daily becoming more marked, "we should set ourselves against the superstitions of religion, which is taking hold among all classes, both educated and uneducated. The influence of religion on the life of the German people is becoming extraordinary. It is a growing danger to Nazism." "It is incredible! the fourth year of the war, a German dares to praise the Old Testament." Haply we can't take the New without the Old Testament. The human soul of the German people may find it safer and wiser to build upon the Word of God than to trust the promises of Hitler.

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Berlin Jews Are Walking Corpses, Witness Reports

BERN, (JTA) — The several thousand Jews who are still permitted to reside in Berlin are "walking corpses," a Hungarian eyewitness who left Berlin a few days ago reports in the Swiss press this week. He states that the situation of the Jews there is becoming worse from day to day.

"Though Jews are formally to do their shopping between 4 and 5 in the afternoon, owners of the grocery stores have been secretly instructed not to sell them anything," the Hungarian observer stated. "When I passed a Jew in the street, I could almost hear his bones rattling. One can now recognize a Jew in Berlin not only by the yellow insignia which he must wear, but also by his very pale face. The majority of the Jews still in Berlin are elderly women whose husbands and sons have been deported to Eastern territory.

The Berlin radio this week reported that Jews in Bulgaria who fail to wear a yellow Mogen David will be punished by three years' imprisonment and a maximum fine of 100,000 leva, approximately $1,250 at the pre-war rate of exchange.—*Jewish Voice.*

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Church Attendance

Commenting on "Chief Events," Gabriel Courier, in *The Christian Herald*, says,

On our way to church last Sabbath morning, we were stopped by a cop and told that from now on, driving to church is out. We argued—but who ever won an argument with a cop?

This is disturbing, but strangely enough the gas ban hasn't hurt the churches. What it has done is to keep people out of their cars on Sundays, and actually send them to the pew. Baltimore pastors are reporting tremendously increased attendance. First Lutheran Church of that city reports its largest communion service in eighteen years.

There is no mystery about it. Sooner or later, the laziest man in Christendom will tire of reading the moronic Sunday newspaper, and out of sheer boredom get out of the house. We believe the report from Baltimore might be a carbon copy of reports from our other big cities.

People are going to church today, more than they ever did: First, because they need what the church has to offer them more than they ever needed it; second, because the Japanese have just about cornered our gas and oil supply. It may sound odd, but perhaps the churches ought to thank Hirohito for that!

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Church Statistics

The editor of *Revelation* gives us the following relative to what some say about church attendance:

"A contemporary quotes the following from a seminary professor's study of the churches: '5% of reported church members do not exist; 10% cannot be found; 20% never pray; 25% never read the Bible; 30% never attend church services; 40% never give to any cause; 50% never go to Sunday School; 60% never go to church Sunday night; 70% never give to missions; 75% never engage in any church activity; 80% never go to prayer meeting; 90% never have family worship; and 95% never win a soul to Christ.' The paper from which we quote then criticizes the author of this table, wondering how he got his figures and stating, "If church members are here correctly reported, they are surely a pretty poor lot." If the published statistics of the denominations are taken and the annual additions divided into the total membership it will be readily seen that not 2 per cent of the members ever lead a soul to Christ in any year, if the total number of accessions are taken and divided into the whole number of the statistics."

Death and Life

By BINGHAM C. O'NEIL

Turn with me to Romans 6:23 and let us read one of the most beautiful verses in the Bible for a starting point.

"The wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

AS you will notice, this verse of scripture suggests two subjects or thoughts: first, that of death, then that of life. Death is the cessation of life. The Bible has to do with two kinds of death (spiritual and natural), also it has to do with two kinds of life (natural and spiritual). Natural dead are those from whom the breath of life has passed; spiritual dead are those from whom the breath of the Spirit has passed—those steeped in wickedness and sin, or void of grace. There seems to be an instinct within all of God's creation which causes them to fear or dread death. You are told in the Bible that the last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. Not so many of us (if any) like to think about this great monster, which is sure to visit each of us and claim us as his victim.

When God placed Adam and Eve in the beautiful Garden of Eden He gave them a command which was as follows: "But of the tree of knowledge of good and evil thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die," Genesis 2: 17. Adam and Eve disobeyed God and as a result brought about universal death upon all generations after them. Possibly one of the saddest experiences which we meet is to mourn the death of a relative or friend who has been called away without any hope in God.

Since death is such a sad subject, let us consider the latter clause of our text, which deals with life. "But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." There is much that can be said about this wonderful subject; the very thought of life brings gladness and happiness, however there is a fact or truth about life which many have not discovered—it is a gift from God. For proof read Gen. 2:7, "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul." Job 12:9, 10, "Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the Lord hath wrought this? In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind." Also Acts 17: 28, "For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offsprings."

Many people do not take life as seriously as they should. They seem to think they can do just as they please; they feel like they are their own. But the Bible says that ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price. It also says that man was created for God's glory, but just think how far he has drifted from God's ideal or purpose. Many have even refused to retain God in their knowledge; they don't even want to think about Him. Thank God for the few who have found the fountain or source of all life!

We are told in the Bible that Jesus came that we might have life and have it more abundantly. Life (natural) is sweet and to be enjoyed, but the spiritual or eternal life which comes through the atoning blood of the Lamb of God is wonderful beyond description. Oh! that every one would come to this great fountain of life, and enjoy the peace and satisfaction which it affords.

Just now I can visualize the thousands of precious people who are traveling from coast to coast seeking rest but finding none. Too, I can hear God's Gift in Matthew 11:28, saying, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Surely everyone needs to know that God's gift is eternal life and that in Him alone the weary soul of man can find eternal joy and satisfaction.

I am concluding by giving you some quotations of the unsaved when dying; also I am giving a few quotations of the saved when dying, which I hope will be a blessing to every one who may read this article.

Quotations of the Unsaved

Talleyrand said, "I am suffering the pangs of the damned."

Sir Thomas Scott said, "Until this moment I believed there was neither a God nor a hell. Now I know and feel there are both, and I am doomed to perdition by the just judgment of the Almighty."

Newport, the infidel, said, "Oh, the forlorn hopes of him that has no God to go to! nothing to fly to for peace and comfort. Oh, the unsufferable pangs of hell and damnation!"

Queen Elizabeth of England, "All my possessions for a moment of time."

Gibbon said, "All is now lost finally, irrevocably lost!"

Mirabeau said, "Give me more laudunum that I may not think of eternity and what is to come."

Cherteres said, "I would gladly give 30,000 pounds to have it proved there is no hell." (It will take more than that to disprove hell.)

Tom Payne said, "Stay with me, for God's sake; I cannot bear to be left alone."

The Atheist Hobbs said, "I am about to take a leap into the dark."

Quotations of the Saved

Some of these are very notable personages.

Samuel Rutherford said, "Christ is mine and I'm His. Glory! Glory! to my Creator and Redeemer forever! Glory shines in Immanuel's land."

John Holland said, "Now, farewell, world; welcome heaven. The day star from on high hath visited my heart."

Susannah Wesley (mother of John Wesley) said, "Children (she had nineteen), as soon as I am gone sing a psalm of praise to God."

John Wesley said, "The best of all, God is with us."

Martin Luther said, "Into thy hands I commit my spirit, thou hast redeemed me! thou hast redeemed me! thou faithful God."

Benjamin Abbott said, "Glory to God! I see the heavens open to me."

D. L. Moody, the great evangelist, said, "Earth is receding, heaven is advancing, and I am passing in through the gates into the city. Oh, this is wonderful!"

Lillian Lee, age 10, said, "O Papa, what a sight! the golden gates are open."

John Bunyan said, "We shall meet ere long to sing the new song and remain forever in a world without end."

.... Joy ....

By Paul E. Sells

Text: Isaiah 12:3, *"Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation."*

IF YOU have the Lord Jesus Christ in your life, you have joy. If you do not have the Lord Jesus Christ in your life, you have no joy. I believe it is impossible to have joy in your soul if you do not have the Lord Jesus Christ in your life.

There is no joy in serving the devil. The only way to have joy in your life is to give God your heart and life. If your life is void of joy, then your life is void of salvation. Joy only comes to your life when you have old time salvation, and there is no other way to have this joy except through Christ Himself. When you get salvation you will also receive the joy that goes with it.

When we lose the joy of our salva-

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Charity

Text: 2 Peter 1:7, *Add to your faith charity.*

INTRODUCTION: The word "charity" is not used in the Old Testament, and the Apostle Paul seems to be the more handy with this word in the New Testament, but in my opinion the word has a very prodigious meaning. Webster says it means "love or tenderness which men should feel toward their fellows, and which should induce them to do good to and think favourably of others." Or, "any act of kindness, or benevolence." In other words, charity is love in action.

In order that we might better understand the word, we shall proceed to give you the analysis of same as outlined by the Apostle Paul to the Corinthian church in his first letter, and 13th chapter. Now Paul says CHARITY suffers long, is kind, envieth not, is not puffed up, will behave itself, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, rejoiceth not in iniquity, rejoiceth in the truth, beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. And then when it seemed that Paul could say nothing better or use a word with more meaning he said, "Charity never faileth," and with that what more could he say? Brother, if you and I will take that word for what it means, and do what it says, we'll make the rapture in spite of all the demons in hell and imps on earth.

Now notice our text, "Add to your faith, charity." The two preceding verses tell of six other virtues of grace that we are to add to our faith, but we are confining our comments to this seventh and last virtue mentioned—charity. The word "add" used here, literally means "supply in your faith," etc. The word rendered "add" or "supply" is taken from the Greek theatre where it meant to supply the expense of a chorus in a new play. It corresponds with that in 1 Peter 4:11, "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God, if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth," which just means this, by adding charity to our faith we have supplied the expense of a more profound understanding of God's way of doing things. We are supplied with a more profound and more effective message. We are supplied with more power and ability to do the things set before us, and not only are we supplied with ways and means of saying and doing, but we are in action now, because charity is the motor that sets us going. As John has said in his first book, 3rd chapter and 18th verse, "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." Now there is your charity or love in action. Talk is cheap but it takes money to ride on the train, many folk are just talking. One old Negro said one time, that he had been told it was more blessed to give than to receive but receiving was good enough for him. Many times, no doubt, we think talking is good enough for us, but, brother, let us major in action, for action only will bring reward. In Matthew 16:27, Jesus said, "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works."

It was said of a certain church, that the members were invited out to visit one of the members who was sick, to have prayer meeting with him. It was a cold day and directly after a number had gathered and began the meeting a knock was heard at the door. Upon opening the door a small boy peeped in and said, "My father was not able to attend the meeting this morning, but sent his prayer. Will some of you brethren come and help me bring it in?" Several of the members followed him to the wagon, where they found a sack of meal, bushel of potatoes, piece of meat, sack of flour, and several other things for the sustenance of life. Now that's charity or love in action. In other words, that's living your religion.

Paul said, 1 Cor. 16:14, "Let all your things be done with charity," for he said to Timothy, first letter, chapter 1, verse 5, "Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned." This word "unfeigned" means "genuine, sincere, without pretense." I heard of a minister who visited a certain church and after the service all the brothers came around and kissed him and embraced him fondly and affectionately, then left him standing alone in the church with no place to spend the night, which was to say, "We love you but have no room." Thank God for charity. Thank God for men who have added charity to their faith. We have them in the Church of God. They are not doing a lot of talking, but they are living it every day. They have genuine, sincere faith. Yes, it is in order to salute each other with a kiss, but let it be a kiss of charity, according to 1 Peter 5:14. Don't kiss me and then go off and talk about me, but kiss me and then ask me home with you.

Paul said, 1 Cor. 14:1, "Follow after charity." Yes, follow the work gang; follow the crowd that is working. Some people stand around and talk all the time; some sleep. One fellow sleeping in the shade of a tree was awakened late in the evening by a passer-by who said, "Say, old fellow, looks like you are taking a nap." "No," replied the sleeper, "just waiting for the sun to go down so I can quit work." Many will be sleeping when Jesus comes; but say, brother, if you have charity you will be going strong on that last day. Not only will you be kissing the brethren, but you will be sending wagon loads of prayers, inviting them home with you, and doing with all your might whatever your hands find to do.

In 1 Cor. 13:13 Paul said, "Now abideth faith, hope, and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." Faith and hope belong to man as a creature. Charity constitutes his likeness to God. 1 John 4:7-19. "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." Read the entire quotation. Faith and hope benefit the man himself, charity diffuses its blessings to others; in other words, pours out, spreads around, scatters or circulates its very life and strength. It does not seek its own, but the welfare of others, manifesting the very spirit of Christ. No wonder Paul proclaimed that the greatest of these is charity, and, of course, explained that all our preaching and faith without charity would profit us nothing.

I read of a chaplain once who was very busily engaged reading and praying with the wounded, bleeding and dying on the battlefield. Coming to one poor fellow who was seriously wounded, lying in the muck and mire, he asked, "Would you like to have me read to you?" The soldier answered, "No." "Would you like to have me pray for you?" The soldier answered, "No." But he said, "I would like a drink of water." The chaplain ran off and soon returned with the water, then asked, "Is there something else I can do for you?" The soldier answered, "I would like something under my head." The chaplain removed his coat, folded it nicely, pulled his head from the mud and placed his coat beneath, then asked, "Is there something else I can do?" The soldier said, "I am cold; I would like something over me." The chaplain took his overcoat and covered him and tucked it beneath him, and asked again if he could further help him. The soldier then looked at him with tears in his eyes and said, "Now, if there is anything in that Bible that will make a man do for another what you have done for me, I would like for you to read it to me."

My brother, sister, and Christian friend, there are teeming thousands

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Will the Lost Be Punished in a Burning Hell?

W. I. HEAD

CAN you answer this question? Can I answer it? Is there an answer to it? Yes, I believe we can find scriptures sufficient to verify the fact that that there is a burning hell. I wish to call your attention to a text found in Luke 16:24, *"And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame."*

This man, as well as others, began to realize the fact that hell was a place of punishment when he found himself there helpless without God. He began to remember some things, but it was too late after he had landed in hell and was suffering in the flames. It pays to remember the words of Jesus in Luke 13:3, "I tell you, nay; but except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish." Just think about being cast into a place where there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Matt. 13:42 says, "And shall cast them into a furnace of fire; there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth." Mark 9:43, 44, "Into the fire that never shall be quenched: where the worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched."

You may give these statements your consideration or pass them by, you may laugh at them or view them with tears, but remember the words of our text. Some may say, "Preacher, God is love, and therefore would not permit anyone to be lost." Yes, I will acknowledge the fact that God is love. He loved this old world so well that He gave the jewel of heaven to save men and women from this awful place of punishment. But if anyone fails to believe on the Son of God and to accept Him as his personal Savior, he shall be damned. Jesus said in Mark 16:16, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." John 3:36, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

I read of a man who before a Philadelphia judge was sentenced to die in the electric chair. People said it was what the man deserved as he had killed a number of people. We find in Matt. 25:41 the words of Jesus describing the eternal Judge pronouncing sentence upon the lost unbelievers, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels." I know that we have people in this world that don't believe in eternal punishment, and deny the belief in a burning hell. They merely say that it doesn't exist. We at least must admit that it is a silly argument. We must believe that from a Biblical standpoint that theory is false.

I now call your attention to Rev. 14:10,11, speaking of those in the preceding verse that worship the beast or receive the mark, "The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name."

Rev. 19:20, "And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone." Rev. 20:14,15, "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death, and whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

I believe that we have brought to you scriptures enough to prove our argument, to derail the theories of the "no-hellers," and to prove that we must have our names recorded in the Lamb's book of life if we escape the lake of fire. May God help those that are lost to awaken to the fact that God has provided a way through Jesus Christ our Lord whereby men can escape this awful place.

"He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life," John 5:24. How awful it will be, that many will not believe and will go down in despair, to be separated from God and His people for ever and ever.

Someone may tell you that you have a chance after death, but remember the way death finds you so will the judgment. My prayer to God is that those who read this may be saved.

Keep the Angel Present

MRS. BRADLEY N. HINTON

Text, *"My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths,"* Dan. 6:22. *"Abide in me, and I in you, as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine: no more can ye, except ye abide in me,"* John 15:4.

IT IS with great anxiety of soul that I write unto you, my beloved brethren and sisters in Christ. I beg you to hold fast to that which you have in Christ. Glory hallelujah! It is easy to walk with Him when you have completely surrendered, given Him your all, and received of Him His sweet Holy Spirit. Blessed be the name of the Lord. I hear someone cry, "I live out here where there are no holiness people, and no holiness church to go to!" THEN it is up to you to do more. Out there you have a greater opportunity, more chance to show Christ in your life. There is no one taking the Evangel. How about getting someone to subscribe? How about taking a dozen subscriptions yourself and passing them around with a kind word and prayer? You may say, "I don't have that much money." Well, I am sure if you pray God will supply it. The same holds good for the Lighted Pathway. I like to stand by our Church papers. They deserve our support, they are food for our souls. Putting this paper in the hands of a person may be the means of leading that soul to Jesus. What a reward when we let our light shine!

SOMETIMES we may feel out in the wilderness, or on the mountain alone. Daniel 6:22, "My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths." Praise the Lord! Walk in His will and God can shut the lions' mouths yet today. We know that the devil is around as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour, yet God can give His angels charge over us to protect us.

There may not be a church close for you to attend, yet you can hide away and have communion with your God. Many folk who live close to church fail to attend, and they have grown cold and lack zeal to work for God. They have lost their good testimony. They are not coveting any of the gifts. Yet, they are satisfied. If we will spend time with God in prayer,

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Behold the Man

By C. W. BARNES

John 19:5, *"Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man!"*

MORE than nineteen hundred years ago, there was born a man contrary to the laws of nature. He was born in an ox stall, because there was no room in the inn. This man lived in poverty and was reared in obscurity. He did not travel extensively, only once did He cross the boundary of the country, and that was during His exile in childhood, when Herod's decree had ordered all male children destroyed two years and under.

His life's work was confined to a small place much less in size than the state in which we live. He possessed wealth of neither silver nor gold, neither fame nor worldly influence. He preached His first sermon in a borrowed boat. He rode into Jerusalem on a borrowed colt. He ate His last supper with His disciples in a borrowed room, and was buried in a borrowed tomb.

On one occasion, Matt. 17:27, He sent Peter fishing to get money to pay their taxes. Luke 9:58, "Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the son of man hath not where to lay his head."

In childhood He puzzled the doctors. Why? Because He was about His Father's business. In manhood He ruled the course of nature. He walked on the waters as if on pavement, and hushed the sea to sleep. He healed multitudes without medicine and made no charge for His services. He never wrote a book, and yet no library could hold all the books that have been written about Him. He never wrote a song, yet He has furnished the theme for more songs than all the song writers combined. He never founded a college, but all schools put together cannot boast of having as many students. He never marshalled an army, nor drafted a soldier, nor fired a gun, and yet no leader ever had more volunteers under his orders or made more rebels stack arms and surrender, without a shot being fired.

He is the revealer of snares that lurk in darkness, the rebuker of every evil thing that prowls by night; the quickener of all that is wholesome; the adorner of all that is beautiful; the reconciler of all that is contradictory; the harmonizer of all discords; the healer of all diseases; the Savior of all mankind.

He fills the pages of theology, and hymnology. Every prayer that goes to God goes in His name. Every seventh day the wheels of commerce cease their turning and multitudes wend their way to worshipping assemblies to pay homage and respect to Him.

The names of the past proud statesmen of Greece and Rome have come and gone, but the name of this man lives on forever. Though time has spread nineteen hundred years between the people of this generation and the scene of His crucifixion, yet He still lives on. Herod could not kill Him, neither could he seduce Him; death could not destroy Him, and the grave could not hold Him. He still stands forth upon the highest pinnacle of the heavenly glory, proclaimed by God, acknowledged by angels, adorned by saints, and feared by devils, as the living personal Christ. Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world! John 1:29.

"Behold! I stand at the door and knock, if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him and he with me," Rev. 3:20. 2 Cor. 6:2, "Behold, now is the accepted time, behold, now is the day of salvation." Rev. 16:15, "Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."

What a wonderful Christ. Truly we can all say as Pilate, Behold the man!

Let Us Provoke One Another

EXELMA HOLLEY

"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works," Heb. 10:24.

HERE Paul was speaking unto Christians, and it seems necessary for us today to heed this instruction. To provoke means to stir to action.

Just how did God provoke the children of Israel when they had disobeyed Him? Deut. 32:21. By blessing other nations around them, giving them their gain; making the children of Israel jealous.

Then we as children of God should draw near unto God, consecrate ourselves anew, be about our Father's business. Then we would get the blessing of God so upon us that we would provoke our brothers and sisters to pray, visit the sick, work, give and rejoice.

Since we are the bride, called by His name, we should have His favor and blessings more so than others who are not the bride. How can this be, unless we court His favor, shower all of our affections on Him, put Him first in our hearts and lives, letting His will be wrought in us, above our own?

We can remember a few years back, when God blessed us, gave us favor with the world, gave us the best workers and singers of other denominations, blessed our every effort, made us the head and not the tail. It was then that we stirred them to jealousy. Why can't we do it again? God's people should be zealous of good works. Titus 2:14. How will they know we are the bride if they fail to see our love manifested?

It is not that we don't want God to bless others; we ask Him to bless them, still we want His affections mostly upon us. Thus it will make others desire to be the bride. You see we have been espoused to one, even Christ. 2 Cor. 11:2. We should act so as to ever reflect His love together, having Christ in our midst, doing things to please Him, provoking others to love and good works.

Then we could say, "Come thou with us, and we will do thee good." Others would marvel at our power, and the miracles performed, and would see that their works are short, and come, saying, "We have heard that God is with you, and we want to agree with you, make a covenant with you, that we may be one, even as Christ prayed." Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works.

I know a class of people who have not spared time, money or ability, and they do their works for the praise of man. If they can do so without God's love prompting them, why can't we do even more because we love Him?

Wonderful What the Lord Will Do

YAZOO CITY, Miss.—The Lord has been so good to us here at Yazoo City. I thank Him for our new church which we have come in possession of since Brother and Sister Brooks have been here. We love our good pastor and his wife and thank the Lord for them. We have paid one hundred dollars down on our church and are looking to the Lord to help us with the balance.

It is truly wonderful what the Lord will do. Pray for us.—Mrs. Mae Sanderson, Rt. 2, Box 133.

Consider Your Ways

"The way of trangressors is hard," Prov. 13:15b.

NEVER was a truer saying, most sinners have more pain and difficulty to get their souls damned, than the righteous have, with all their cross-bearings, to get to the kingdom of heaven. Haggai 1:5-9, *"Now therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts; consider your ways."* I wonder, friend, if we would sometimes stop and consider our ways, if we wouldn't escape some of the many sorrows that come upon us in our daily life. So often we are quick to make some sort of defense concerning our actions and we resent the reproof which, if we considered, would tend to benefit our welfare. Now let's see what the Scriptures have to say as we go on in Haggai.

"Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes. Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Consider your ways." It is written in Deuteronomy, the 28th chapter, "It shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God. Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of the body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store. Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out."

Now let us go into the New Testament. James 1:25, "But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed." Brother, I don't want a better promise than that. For a matter of fact, there could be no greater given. Peter began to make a complaint to Jesus one time and these are his words, also the answer that our Savior gave to him: Mark 10:28-30, "Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee. And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, there is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, but he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, (but I want you to take notice of this very last He said) with persecutions; (He didn't say with just one persecution but He said persecutions, meaning many) and in the world to come eternal life." My! don't you feel good. Just think of that promise to God's children. What's the promise to the transgressors? Well, let's see Isaiah 57:20, 21, "But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked." There you have it. Also in Psalms 9:17, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." Consider your ways. There is no one that wants trouble, so why not amend your doings and be on the receiving end of God's blessings, rather than on the end of His curses, which are promised to the transgressors?

Now go on with the scripture in Haggai. "Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord. Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did glow upon it. Why? saith the Lord of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house." Yes, it is true, man as long as he can see means of escaping the commandments of his God, he will try to keep from doing them. But he does not consider that the Scriptures say that there is a way which seemeth right unto a man but the end thereof are the ways of death. Neither does he consider that blessing only comes one way, and that is in keeping the commandments prescribed by God. Jesus said in St. John 14:15, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." Then in the 12th to the 17th verses He said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it." What greater blessing is there than this promise? But no, man turns this promise down for the rationed pleasures of sin disturbed by the enemy of his soul. Man would rather gamble his life away. He would rather sink in the quagmires of sin and habitual slavery rather than turn to the Savior of mankind and live. It is peculiar, but it is true. The deeds of man are wrought for one purpose and one purpose alone, and that is to the satisfying of his own lusts and desires. But God is not so. For the Scriptures state that God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. My, how great the love of God is. To think He would stoop so low as to pick us up from the dust of the earth and create us in His likeness and in His image, then be so sweet and so kind as to send His Son to die for our sins after we transgressed and disobeyed His sacred commands, is more than I can comprehend.

In closing I would like to bring to your mind a few more scriptures. The first is found in Eccl. 12:13, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter; fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil." "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God," Heb. 10:31. Better it is to have the blessings of God than the favor of many wicked, and harder to do some work for Satan and have condemnation rather than have God and save a perishing nation.

Mercy That Is Cruel

HATTIE P. JACKSON

Proverbs 12:10, *"The tender mercies of the wicked are cruel."*

JUST recently I was reading the life-story of a woman who was called "the angel of mercy." She was very kind to elderly people and won their confidence and admiration. Finally someone noticed that the aged people she seemingly treated with so much kindness soon died one by one. This aroused suspicion and the fact was reported to the detective agency of that city.

An investigation was started at once and after some time they found her reason for going out of her way to be kind. She was murdering her victims and securing their money.

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Faithful Stewards

MRS. LOUISE THOMPSON

Matt. 25:21, *"Well done, thou good and faithful servant."*

I have had many wonderful visions, dreams and experiences with my Lord since I was eight years old. I am now forty-two and expecting still greater blessings. I was saved thirty-one years before I knew anything about the precious baptism of the Holy Ghost and I received the light of this sweet blessing by listening to Brother Whittington over the radio. I had already been sanctified about five years before. I was soon baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire and I would like to dedicate this (one of my experiences) to Brother Whittington, because he is the first holiness preacher I ever knew and he opened up the bright and shining way to me and I walked in the light revealed.

I would like to tell you what happened in my home leading up to my subject, "Faithful Stewards."

One Sunday in February, 1936, I visited a mothers' class in one of the largest Baptist churches in our city (as I had been a Baptist for thirty-one years), and knowing several of the mothers I was asked to bring the devotional at the missionary meeting the coming Tuesday morning. I tried to get out of it but could not. I wanted them to give me a subject to speak from and they told me to choose one. To be frank, I was really frightened to think of what was before me and those mothers seemed so aristocratic.

On Monday morning after the family had all gone to their various places of work, I picked up my Bible and sat down near the one window in my dining room. Outside was cold and gloomy, the rain was softly falling and it was one of those winter days when one has to keep the lights turned on most of the day in order to see how to do this and that. However, I did not turn on my light, but I pushed back my curtain and sat as close to the window as I could to see how to read my Bible.

I sat there for quite awhile searching the Scripture for a subject, however I could not find one. Finally, I laid my face down in my open Bible and prayed for God to direct me to a passage to talk on. When I finished praying and lifted up my head, all of a sudden my room was flooded with the most glorious light. Every corner in that dark, gloomy room was aglow. I was not scared but thought the sun had shined out, while I had my head on my Bible praying.

I turned and looked out of the window but the rain was still falling and the clouds dark and low. I laid my Bible down and went into the other part of the house and those rooms were dark. I walked out into the front yard to see if I could find the sun shining, but there was nothing but rain and darkness out there. I came back through the house and passed through my dining room and it was still aglow with a heavenly light. I walked out into the back porch to see if I could see the sun shining out there, but behold, it was still cold, raining and gloomy out there.

When I returned to my dining room, I understood by this time that God had answered my prayer and sent this heavenly light to show me that He would lead me to a scripture that would please Him for me to speak on. I stood there in the middle of my room and I thanked God and praised God right out loud for several minutes. I picked up my Bible once again and sat down, my room still flooded with this light from heaven. As I opened my Bible and looked, there in front of my eyes was the 25th chapter of Matthew, 14th verse. As I started to read this, a white glow, like white fire, made a halo around my Bible and all over it. It was so bright I could hardly look. Right out loud, I said, "Surely God is in this room, just as Jacob said after he had seen the vision in his dream." I kept sitting there in great wonder and finally I began to say, "Thank you, Jesus; thank you, Jesus," over and over again. I tell you, by then I was having a wonderful time with my Lord.

At last when I knew of a certainty that this parable was what my Lord wanted me to speak about, the beautiful light in my room and around my Bible vanished and God gave me the most wonderful devotional from this passage. I brought it before the missionary meeting the very next morning and the results were glorious, which would take pages to tell about.

The next February, exactly a year later, I was asked to teach three large Sunday School classes combined, in another church. I again wanted to know what they would have me to speak about and was told to use my own subject. The weather was about the same as it was the year before and everything happened just as it did the previous year, only I did not have to get up and go around to see if the sun was shining because I knew God was sending the light from heaven. I spoke on this subject four times because God gave it to me.

Surely this must be one of our Lord's favorite parables, because it is written to us that are His servants. Our Lord has gone on His journey and has left you and me to carry on His work here. Are we proving to be good trusted and faithful servants?

If we are faithful over the little things here, some day He will make us ruler over many things. We must be faithful in the things He tells us to do, regardless of whether they suit us or not. This is our testing time, we can't afford to give up now, but must be faithful unto the end.

MERCY THAT IS CRUEL

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The detective obtained positive proof that she had poisoned four people but they had good reason to believe the total number was nine. This so-called "angel of mercy" was carried screaming to the electric chair where she paid with her life for her cruel mercies. Those investigating her crimes said she should have been called "the black angel of death."

The investigation found that even in childhood this woman was greedy and her mother, instead of repulsing her selfish nature, rather encouraged it by indulgence. Once when she took a dress which belonged to someone else her mother paid for it and allowed her to keep it. Instead of correcting her her mother was inclined to laugh at her selfish pranks. Surely the tender mercies of that mother were cruel. By correction and discipline she could have saved her daughter from the electric chair. "The tender mercies of the wicked are cruel," says the wise man.

Perhaps one does not necessarily have to be a notorious gambler, drunkard or murderer to act wickedly. Is it not wicked for parents to refuse to accept their responsibility toward their children? At least it is a great injustice to the child. Certainly it is a cruel thing to spare the rod or other necessary discipline when by so doing we are dooming our children to far worse punishment, besides spoiling their chances of becoming the best possible citizens.

If we consider ourselves too kind-hearted to correct our children in the good old-fashioned way, we cannot hope to have them "arise up and call us blessed" when they are old enough to realize how miserably we have failed them. Oh! may we not let our tender mercies be cruel, but when we must hurt someone let it be in mercy as the surgeon that hurts his patient to help him. Hear Solomon again in Proverbs 19:18, "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying."

My prayer for the youth of our fair land is that they will not be resentful of godly training and discipline, but will rather be appreciative of the interest shown in their welfare. And may we parents use our God-given opportunities to help our children, considering it as our duty and privilege.

Requests For Prayer

Pray For

Special unspoken request. — Arlene Williams, Rt. 2, Newport, Tenn.

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The healing of my body.—Mrs. Henry Ayers, Rt. 3, Tuscumbia, Ala.

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My sister, Anlen Tagan, of Carters, Ga., who has a tumor; my husband; my mother and brother to be healed. —Johnnie Mae Barton, Rt. 1, Calhoun, Ga.

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The healing of my head, it gives me lots of trouble; unspoken request. —Miss Lydia M. Ayers, Rt. 3, Tuscumbia, Ala.

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God to undertake for our pastor and family, his home and our church which were burned.—Mrs. Hattie King, 1501 Cottage St., R. D. 5, Ashland, Ohio.

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The complete healing and saving of my husband.—Mrs. Cecil Ledford, Rt. 1, Box 272, Shaw, Miss.

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The healing of my baby; my healing also.—Annie Mae Dennis, Rt. 1, Box 762, Mobile, Ala.

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My husband who has heart trouble; my mother who has had a stroke; my home. — Mrs. Maybelle Fife, Baskin, La.

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Me to be entirely healed of high blood pressure; very urgent unspoken request.—Mrs. Mina Kennedy, Box 404, Post, Tex.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tude, who have T. B. and have gone back on the Lord. —Mrs. O. C. Wilson, 71 11th St., Trion, Ga.

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My son, Thomas M. Bowen, 6895592, Service Co., 759th Tank Bn., A.P.O. 860, c|o Postmaster, New York. He will appreciate some letters.—L. T. Bowen, R.F.D. 5, Spartanburg, S. C.

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God to completely heal my boy and give me more faith.—Mrs. J. B. Greenlee, Rt. 1, Shaw, Miss.

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The healing of my body of some kind of breaking out.—Nellie Denny, Rt. 2, Box 11, Middlesboro, Ky.

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The complete healing of my arm; unspoken request.—Mrs. A. H. Davis, Campaign, Tenn.

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My son, Thomas Brown, who is in the hospital at Grundy, Va., with ulcers of the stomach; his wife.—Mrs. W. J. Brown, Conaway, Va.

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My sister who has had pneumonia to be completely healed; God to heal and strengthen my afflicted body.—M. V. Shelton, Argura, N. C.

My healing, I am suffering very much with something which I sometimes think is pellagra and sometimes diabetes. I suffer very much with kidney trouble, also something like rheumatism.—Mrs. F. Joplin, Box 517, Villa Ridge, Ill.

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Me to be healed of a severe cold and cough and strengthened.—Mrs. Marvin McComb, Dixiana, Ala.

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The healing of Sister Mattie Stamps.—Loucille Newman, Rt. 1, Kennedy, Ala.

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My husband, August Pahl, who is in the Logan hospital with a broken back and limb, his left limb being broken in two places.—Evangelist Lake Erie Pahl, Mallory, W. Va.

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Mrs. Dessie Thompson, Box 555, Great Falls, S. C., who has been unable to walk for over ten years to be healed; me.—Mrs. J. W. Austin.

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The healing of my body.—Mrs. Alma Runnels, Drew, Miss.

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God to undertake for my youngest son; the healing of George Perkins, he is very sick.—Mrs. J. A. Douglas, Rt. 2, Box 115, Jellico, Tenn.

The Lord to save and heal my dad. He is very low, at the point of death, with a stroke. He is very weak.—Sister Opal Bural, Rt. 1, Box 420, Carlsbad, N. Mex.

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My sister who is very sick to be healed; a friend.—A friend, Jonesboro, Ark.

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Me to be healed of a severe cough which I have had about three weeks. One week ago I took worse and have been bedfast since. I believe I have pneumonia. I am very weak. Also that I will be healed of catarrh of the head.—Rev. John A. Burton, Box 784, Brownfield, Tex.

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The healing of our bodies.—Genevieve Williams and Alta Holbert, Box 346, Jane Lew, W. Va.

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God to heal me of a serious head trouble.—Mrs. J. S. Murphy, 1803 N. T. St., Pensacola, Fla.

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The healing of my body, I am in a nervous condition. — Miss Hannah Smiddy, Jellico, Tenn.

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The healing of my body of several ailments; my husband and sons.—Mrs. John Johnson, Box 342, Lemmon, S. Dak.

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The Lord to completely heal my baby.—Sally Walker, Immokalee, Fla.

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My two children and mother; my father, brother-in-law and me to be healed; urgent request.—A sister in Christ, Sparrows Point, Md.

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The healing of my body of gallstone.—Mrs. Clifton Apple, Granville, Tenn.

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My mother-in-law to be healed of a very weak condition; my mother to be healed of a bad heart trouble; me to be healed of a bad head trouble and chills.—Mrs. Shannon Cothern, Rt. 4, Alma, Ga.

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The Lord to heal my body, I am partly paralyzed. I can't think so well and when I get excited I can hardly talk.—Janie Brown, Rt. 2, c|o Roods Store, Hot Springs, Ark.

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God to undertake for my brother and his wife; unspoken request.—A friend, Lansing, Mich.

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Mrs. Oliver Matthews, Argura, N. C., who is very ill with heart trouble and pneumonia in both lungs, to be healed. Unless God undertakes very soon she can't live long.—E. D. Hopkins, Cullowhee, N. C.

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The healing of my body.—Lucy Atkins, Estatoe, N. C.

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The healing of my body, I have so many inward troubles; my husband and children.—Mrs. Mattie L. Airey, 1004 W. Lombard St., Baltimore, Md.

Obituaries

LEWIS

Brother Levi Mitchell Lewis, a faithful member of the Church of God at Rhodell, W. Va., was born April 30, 1913, and killed in a mine accident March 2, 1943; age twenty-nine years, ten months and two days. He was loved by all who knew him.—T. M. Basham, pastor, Church of God, Dunlap, Tenn.

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JACKSON

Sister Pauline Jackson, a precious minister of the Church of God, departed this life March 16, 1943, to be with Jesus. The funeral services were conducted at the Walhalla, S. C., Church of God by Rev. J. C. Childers, Evangelist Myrtle Whitehead and Rev. W. M. Morrow and interment made at West View cemetery.—Helen L. Morrow, Walhalla, S. C.

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FRENCH

Brother J. H. French departed this life to be with Jesus March 12, 1943. He was seventy-one years, two months and five days old. Pray for his faithful wife who is a Church of God evangelist.—W. W. Smethers, pastor, Box 732, Trinity, Tex.

A person with a cool head and a warm heart can easily submit if need be, but those who have cold hearts and hot heads will never submit however great the need.

Interest in Sunday School Builds Up Church

We truly praise God for the many wonderful blessings of life. We praise Him for the Church of God and her part in the great program she plays. We sound a note of praise for our Sunday School at Sunnyside church and for the way our number is increasing in attendance each Sunday. As we look upon faces of our dear brothers and sisters in Christ who have assembled for the great blessing that only those who have an interest in promoting the work of our Sunday School know and enjoy, it makes our hearts leap for joy. If you want a church on fire for God work to greater interest for the upbuilding of Sunday School. Brother, old and young alike seem more interested, and our superintendent surely works to win more scholars. We all love and appreciate him and ask you to pray for us at Sunnyside to grow and prosper in every department.—Miss Alice Byrd, Rt. 2, Box 72, Tuscumbia, Ala.

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Home-Coming Day at Lake Wales

LAKE WALES, Fla.—January 31 was home-coming day at Lake Wales Church of God. We gathered into the house of the Lord for Sunday School at 10:00 o'clock. After Sunday School we went right into midday service. Brother H. R. Corley brought the message, and how God did bless. The sweet peace of God settled over us until I am sure there was not one in the building who did not know of His divine presence. Brother Corley took the mission offering and I do not believe Lake Wales church ever gave more freely with almost no effort. He raised $104.65. After that we spread our baskets, and oh, what a feast God's children did enjoy. At 2:30 we assembled again and Brother Robert Johnson brought the message. We feel that for the day our cups were filled to the brim.

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A Good Spirit Exists Among Our People

YAZOO CITY, Miss.—I praise God for the way He is blessing at this place. I also thank Him for sending Brother J. H. Brooks here. Surely it was the hand of God. He came since the Assembly and has helped us to

CRISFIELD, MARYLAND, CHURCH OF GOD MORTGAGE NOTE BURNED

Scene at the dedicatorial services of the Church of God at Crisfield, Md., when the debt on the church had been paid and the mortgage note was burned. Left to right: Frank Morris and John Charnick, deacons; Rev. C. H. Shaw, pastor; Rev. D. C. Boatwright, state overseer; Edward Parks, clerk, and Rev. J. Andrew Rafferty, pastor of the Church of God at Cambridge, Md.

We are glad to report that God is wonderfully blessing the Church of God at Crisfield, Md., for which we praise Him. One year ago we owed a debt on our church building and Brother C. H. Shaw, our pastor, felt the burden of this indebtedness and started to raise the money to clear our church of debt. It made our hearts glad when Brother Shaw made known to us that he was interested in paying off the church debt and we counted it a privilege to fall in line and do what we could to see this effort completed. God blessed in such a glorious way and in less time than we had really expected we were able to pay off the entire debt and enjoy the good blessing of the dedicatorial service which I'm sure every one present will always remember, because of the divine approval of God upon the service. Surely it was a high time in Zion when we saw the mortgage note burned, and this alone was enough to repay us for every sacrifice that had been made to make it so. The dedicatorial sermon was delivered by our state overseer, Brother Boatwright, and was enjoyed by all. During the time we were working on the church debt we also put a cement basement under the church and installed a furnace. And, too, we have bought a nice six-room parsonage located on a corner lot. We praise God for His many blessings to us, and the church here at Crisfield is encouraged to keep pressing on.—*Thomas E. Parks, clerk.*

purchase a nice building for a church. He doesn't mind work; he has repaired the building for a good church and has petitioned off some rooms for a good parsonage and has moved into it. We have been able to pay off our first note of $100 and have a good amount on next note. People are coming out to our services who have not been out in years. A good spirit exists among our people—a Christlike spirit. Brother Brooks knows how to mix and mingle with the people and he is as humble a man as I have ever seen. His good wife works with him with one accord and doesn't mind the sacrifice to put the program over. She always shows a sweet spirit. We feel that God is going to bless us more. You have a hearty welcome here. Just come over to see us sometimes and we will show you that we mean business for God. We welcome both saint and sinner.—Mrs. W. J. Taylor, clerk, Rt. 2, Box 223.

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The Lord Is Blessing at Utica

UTICA, N. Y.—The Lord is blessing the new Church of God that we have in the beautiful city of Utica. We have our services in a beautiful church building in a nice part of town. We have about forty-two in Sunday School every Sunday. There is also an average of about forty in the Y.P.E. services. In the past month there was $11.05 given to the missions by the Y.P.E., $12.10 given to the orphans by the Sunday School, eight Evangel subscriptions taken and $5.00 given to the aged ministers by the Y.P.E.—Roland Verrico, overseer of New York.

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Tolstoy District Convention

One of the greatest district conventions that has ever been conducted in the Northwest convened for the first time at Tolstoy, South Dakota, March 12, 13, 14, with our state overseer, Rev. G. Logsdon, officiating. We can truthfully say "greatest" for the following reasons:

The *attendance* was above the expectation of most people. It seems that in spite of gas and tire rationing God is making it possible for His people to congregate and be strengthened for whatever may be in the future. Two carloads of students and teachers from the N.W.B.M.A. were privileged to be present and so put forth an effort to be a blessing. In turn they were blessed far above that which they were able to contribute. Rev. and Mrs. William Dych, Rev. A. M. Selness, Mrs. Fae Dyer, Rev. Frank Chrismore, and Rev. Glyndon Logsdon were especially used of God to break the bread of life. Rev. P. T. Emmett and party, radio workers of Aberdeen, S. Dak., were also able to be present for a few hours. Their singing and remarks were a blessing.

God's presence was manifested in so many ways. Several of the audience mentioned the fact that unity was so noticeably present in each day's messages. This fact alone revealed the presence and leading of God. Too, there was not only a "shout in the camp" and good Spirit-filled singing but also works which proved the genuineness of their experience with God. Every guest was made to feel so welcome and comfortable in so many ways. Several of the audience mentioned the fact that unity was so noticeably present in each day's messages. This fact alone revealed the presence and leading of God. Too, there was not only a "shout in the camp" and good Spirit-filled singing but also works which proved the genuineness of their experience with God. Every guest was made to feel so welcome and comfortable in every respect that one was made very conscious of the sweet present of Christ.

The *mission* service was perhaps the climax of the convention. Two hundred fifteen dollars, which is the largest mission offering ever received at any district convention in North and South Dakota, was given there. Thank the Lord, for such means greater possibilities "to get things done for Him."

We thank God for this great convention made possible largely through the earnest efforts of Rev. Glyndon Logsdon, our state overseer; Rev. and Mrs. Hughes, pastors of Tolstoy and Lebanon; and Rev. and Mrs. Henry Bober, pastors of Gettysburg, S. Dak.

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Enjoyed Fellowship Meeting

LEE, Fla.—We thank the Lord for the good fellowship meeting and feet washing which we had last Thursday night. The Lord surely did bless. Our state overseer, Brother Jernigan, was with us, and oh, what a wonderful message he brought forth. We surely enjoyed it. Praise the Lord. This is on the Jasper district; all pastors were present. Brother Cothern is the district pastor and we think he is one of the best. Everyone enjoyed the presence and power of the Lord. We had some old time singing and shouting. We are glad we can gather together and feel the presence of the Lord. Pray that this church will go over the top for Jesus.—Pastor, Brother and Sister Byrd.

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News from Port Huron, Mich.

Early last fall we had with us Evangelists Walter Pettitt and Billy Winters for a week before they went to Maine as state evangelists. The saints testified that they were encouraged during their visit with us. Then our old friend, Paul H. Walker, our new and also our old state overseer, came to visit us. Since he has come to the state he has been with us three times. Later Brother Ray H. Hughes and his wife were with us for a three weeks' revival. He labored hard but we are sorry that no greater results came of the meetings. Then in the early part of December Brothers Paul H. Walker and E. E. Winters went out to Cash, Mich., and set a church in order. They have a nice church and parsonage out there. Evangelist Eddie Kustell and his wife have been there for some time holding meetings. A number of sinners have been saved, backsliders reclaimed, and some filled with the Holy Ghost. The Kustells had to leave; they had calls to hold evangelistic meetings in Ohio, I believe. Thank God for their faithful work everywhere they have been. Brother and Sister Archie McWilliams quit a good job to go out in the Master's vineyard and work. May they get souls for their hire.

Then we had our Christmas entertainment which was very well attended. Our beloved pastor, Brother E. E. Winters, received a very nice sum of money. He then left for West Virginia to visit his parents for Christmas, the first time in eighteen years. Between Christmas and New Year's our old pastor and Mrs. Milton J. Sanberg paid us a visit for a few days. With them came our esteemed overseer, Paul H. Walker, and wife. Brother Sanberg is pastor at Somerset, Pa., Church of God. May God bless him in his work there. Brother Sanberg was our first pastor since we came into the Church of God. Then we had Evangelists Walter Pettitt and Billy Winters with us for a revival. Pray for us here that God will give us a mighty outpouring and that souls will be saved. May we all labor hard for the Master. Pray for this writer that God will heal his heart. May our loving Father in heaven bless you all is my prayer.—Fred E. Smith.

REVIVALS

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—The Oakwood Church of God has just closed a three weeks' revival with Brother George Brazell, our state Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendent, doing the preaching. There were four saved, three sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. We closed the meeting by taking the sacrament and feet washing. The Lord blessed us in a wonderful way. We greatly appreciated having Brother and Sister Brazell with us.—Brother Andy Long, pastor, 1045 Stewart Ave.

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PENSACOLA, Fla.—Greetings from the church at Pensacola, Fla.! We closed a revival here Wednesday night, February 17, in which Sister Ena Williams did the preaching. She is a fine woman and a wonderful preacher and lives what she preaches. The church members were all encouraged and many revived. Nine souls were saved and several sanctified. Outsiders seemed to enjoy the

revival and preaching and attended regularly. Also, due to the efforts of the evangelist money was raised to purchase a piano for the church, which was greatly appreciated.

Our pastor, Brother W. L. Kerce, and his wife have been a blessing to all here. He has rebuilt the parsonage, ceiled and painted it, bought a living room suite, dining room suite, kitchen equipment, put in running water and done numerous other other things. We feel there are great opportunities for the Church here, due to the fact that the town is crowded with defense workers. Since there have been many inquiries as to the location of the church, we shall give it here: 1820 North E. Street, Pensacola, Phone 9595.—Frank Russell.

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ROCK HILL, S. C.—A two weeks' revival here has just come to a close. The evangelist was Rev. L. J. Stone, pastor of the Lando church. Brother Stone is a good evangelist and was certainly a blessing to the church and community. There were fourteen saved, nine sanctified, thirteen filled with the Holy Ghost, and two added to the church. The revival spirit is still here. Sunday night three were saved, for which we praise the Lord. These Rock Hill people are a group of real workers for the Lord, always ready to do their best. We are now working to break the Sunday School record attendance. Pray for us as we continue our work for the Lord.—W. L. Edgar, pastor.

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LANGLEY, S. C.—Another successful revival has come to a close which was conducted by the state evangelist, G. L. Waters. We feel very grateful for his timely messages, untiring efforts and the way he canvassed this vicinity, giving out invitations to the revival. Brother Waters believes in letting God have His way. There was no need for any preaching three nights in succession, so real was God's presence. The altar was full of seekers each night and several prayed through to definite experiences. Our sincere prayer for the evangelist is, God bless you, Brother Waters, and your work for Him.—Exelma Holley.

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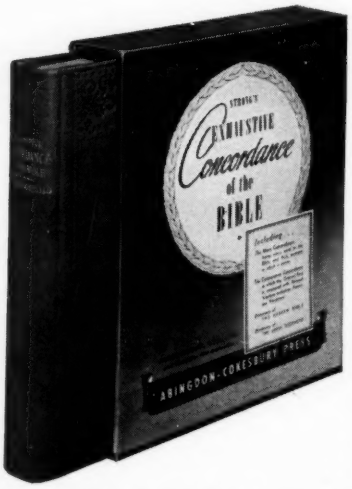
ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Vista Avenue church has just closed a two weeks' meeting that we can truly call a revival. Four were saved, four sanctified and two added to the church. One has been saved since the meeting closed. One of the greatest effects of the meeting was the revival of the saints. We were stirred to seek a deeper consecration under the straightforward, soul-stirring messages of our state overseer, Brother G. R. Watson. The people at St. Louis surely love Brother and Sister Watson. We are looking for the Lord to do greater things here.—G. L. Britt, pastor.

The Church of God at Wilmington, N. C., recently closed a good revival conducted by Rev. J. E. Holloway and wife, of LaGrange, Ga. The Lord blessed from the first service. There were fifteen saved, nine sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, and eight added to the church, all adults.

We believe Brother Holloway is a real man of God. Any church would do well in securing him for a revival.

We thank the Lord for our new church and parsonage. We give credit to the wise leadership and untiring efforts of our good pastor, Rev. V. D. Combs. Also Sister Combs has done a great work through the L.W.W.B. The church has grown steadily under their supervision.—R. C. Pierce, clerk.

The person who is "apt to teach" is just as apt to learn when taught.



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then God will close the lions' mouths when the time comes and we need Him most. Psalms 121 says, "The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore."

Remember if quarreling and disagreements exist, the angel isn't present. As long as we keep the Word of God hid in our hearts, though we live next door to the church or forty miles away, the angel is still present to deliver. We must know the Truth and the Truth will make us free. We must study God's Word that we may know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary.

Remember the shepherd will carry the small, weak lambs. Also the shepherd does the protecting.

2 Timothy 1:14, "That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us."

Be a sheep, pure, white and clean, and follow closely where the Master leads. There is no power that can hurt you if you stay close to the Shepherd. And let us live that "when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."

JOY

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tion, then is when we need to pray as David did, "O Lord, restore unto me the joy of my salvation." The reason some people don't enjoy their salvation is because they don't have the joy. If you don't have the joy in your soul, it is because you got off too close to where you got on.

Some people have just enough salvation to make them miserable, too much for the devil and not enough for God, also not enough to have the joy of salvation.

The reason we can shout and sing is because we are not on the devil's territory, but in God's heavenly land. Get on God's territory and you too can shout and sing as God's people do.

Now if you want this joy that you hear so many of God's people talking about, there is only one way and the only sure way to get it and that is to get rid of the devil and get a good case of OLD TIME SALVATION, then the joy will be right there and will come with your salvation. Then it is up to you to keep the joy of your salvation. If we will just swing out on the promises of God and do His will, then we will have this heavenly joy.

If we really have this joy or get this joy, we will be in attendance at God's house every service night. If we go to church only once in a while, when we live right in the church door, we need to get more of the old time joy. Do you want more old time JOY? or are you satisfied with what you have? In my opinion, we all need more joy. I am sure I do. How about you and you?

WHY PRAY?

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as foolish as to ask, "Why eat?" Everyone knows that it is necessary to eat to keep alive, so everyone should realize that only through prayer can one keep his soul alive.

Do you want a revival to sweep over your soul? If you do, go into a room by yourself and pray until the revival breaks out in the room with you, then you can help revive others who are seeking to be revived. Gal. 6:9, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

CHARITY

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dying around us today. They have heard a lot of preaching, but very few have felt the touch of a kind, helping hand. It was love in action when God gave His Son. It was love in action when Christ died. It is time to act. Not only is there a battle raging in North Africa and Russia, but it is raging here in the U.S.A. Let's walk across the battlefield today. Our help is needed. Someone is suffering. Someone is dying, dying without God. The enemy of righteousness is killing without mercy. James said, "Shew me thy faith without they works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works." Let's prove to this sincursed, benighted world by our works that we are Christians, and we do love the souls of men. Brother Pastor, take note of your absentees next Sunday. Find out why they are not present. If they are sick, visit them. If they are discouraged, speak kindly to them. If they have backslid, pray with them. Don't allow the devil to cheat you out of one soul, because we don't have any to lose to him. Brother, Sister Evangelist, when you begin your revival, search out and find every needy circumstance. Go there with a willing heart and render such Christian service as conditions demand. This will make your preaching more effective and profitable. Jesus said, in Matthew 25:35, "I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me." "Go, and do thou likewise," Luke 10:37. Thank you.

Be thou faithful unto death.

COCOA, FLORIDA, CHURCH OF GOD SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Church of God at Cocoa, Florida, recently closed a very successful revival with Brother Joseph Daniel as evangelist. The meetings were well attended. Brother Daniel delivered some powerful sermons and his good singing and playing of the guitar was enjoyed by all. A goodly number were saved, several sanctified, and a few baptized with the Holy Ghost.

It was decided during the revival to set a goal of sixty-five for Sunday School attendance, to be followed by an all-day service. The goal was reached and the above is a picture of those present. At this service enough money was raised to wire the parsonage and our pastor, Claude Stokes, and Brother Weldon did the work.

The Y. P. E. has worked hard to raise funds to improve the parsonage and as a result all the house has been painted outside and one room inside and all rooms ceiled overhead. Brother Stokes did the work himself and it has greatly improved the premises.

We are thankful to have such good workers here for His glory and we ask the Lord's blessing upon them and their work.—*Mrs. E. A. Bramell,* 150 *Varr Ave., Cocoa, Fla.*

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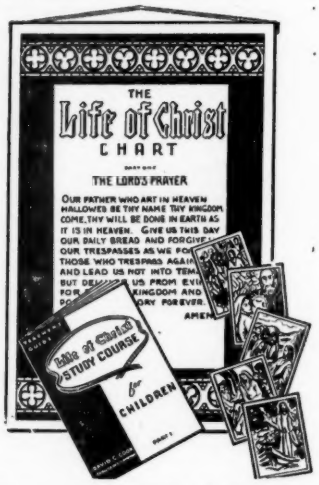

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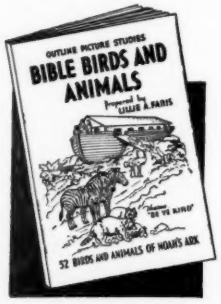

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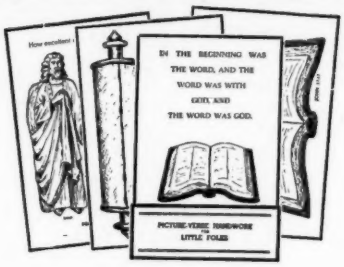

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